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I live in the beautiful city of Portland, OR in the Pearl a stone's throw from the Willamette River.

It is a magnificent area that I enjoy walking, biking, and observing.

Surprisingly, one of the first things I was told by Portlanders after I moved to Portland was "Don't go in the Willamette." Per my prompting, they would tell me about the history of the river. I was shocked and soon after hopeful because they told me about the Superfund that had been in motion for many years.

If Portland is going to thrive into the future we will need a true commit to putting real solutions to real problems in place. The Portland Harbor Superfund Site is being supported by the community because the Willamette is the live blood of our city. It is time for those involved in creating the mess and benefiting financially from the river to step forward and contribute to the costs.

The EPA's recommended cleanup plan relies heavily on monitored natural recovery, leaving 85% of the lead, PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic, and other contaminants in the Superfund site. The EPA and the responsible parties have to do better than this. It's really quite straightforward, the polluters should pay to clean up the mess they made which benefited their bottom line.

It's up to the government and the public to hold polluters accountable to improve the river for animals and people. We are all interconnected.

Please adjust the recommended plan in the following ways:

1. Alternative G should be selected by the EPA with additional dredging in areas frequently used by the people of Portland, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is a high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. The EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. The EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. The EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. The EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. The EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thousands of Portlanders have already added their voice to this dialog and I hope that the EPA recognizes these voices in a stronger push for those responsible to pay for the damages they have caused to the environment, animals, and people.

One important final note, with the implementation of Alternate G and the recommended suggestions new jobs will be created ensuring a broad spectrum of skills and employable Portlanders. We must look to the future and the past to implement a solution that will benefit everyone. Alternate G with the recommended suggestions will do this.

Thank you for your time, support, and for representing the will of the people of Portland and Oregon.

Sincerely,

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